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**PANEL DESCRIPTIONS**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022**

**Professionalism in the Practice of Law**

*Prof. Adam Babich*

*Tulane Law School*

*New Orleans, LA*

*This panel will consist of a discussion about the importance of professionalism in the legal world, and how concerns of professionalism impact the attorney-client relationship. This panel will discuss the difficulty of navigating situations where the Rules of Conduct set a lower minimum threshold of acceptable behavior than modern expectations of professionalism demand.*

**Recent Developments in Legal Ethics**

*Clare S. Roubion*

*Manager, The Roubion Law Firm, LLC*

*New Orleans, LA*

*This panel will discuss recent developments in the rules of ethics that govern the legal profession. There will be a discussion of current topics in legal ethics, such as whether a judge can attend a spouse's political events, whether a lawyer must withdraw after their client files a bar complaint, and what to do when a colleague becomes impaired.*

**NGO and Public Interest Lawyering**

*Misha Mitchell*

*Staff Attorney, Atchafalaya Basinkeeper*

*Plaquemine, LA*

*Kristi Trail*

*Executive Director, Pontchartrain Conservancy*

*New Orleans, LA*

*Fransızka Trautmann*

*Founder and Director, Glass Half Full*

*New Orleans, LA*

*Anne Rolfes*

*Director, Louisiana Bucket Brigade*

*New Orleans, LA*

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*Grace James*  
*CEO and Founder, un-Due*  
*New Orleans, LA*

*Pastor Gregory Manning*  
*Chairman & Founder, Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate Coalition*  
*New Orleans, LA*

***This panel will discuss issues unique to lawyers representing NGOs and public interest groups. Specifically, this panel will focus on how NGO and public interest lawyers approach environmental advocacy, and the legal challenges that have emerged over the years regarding public interest initiatives in the environmental field.***

**Environmental, Social, and Governance: Corporate, Legal, and Public Perspectives**

*Randall Hopkins*  
*Vice President, Nasdaq*  
*Seattle, WA*

*Julia Mord*  
*Deputy Chief Investment Officer, Tulane Investment Management Office*  
*New Orleans, LA*

*Allison C. Handy*  
*Partner, Firmwide Co-Chair, Corporate & Securities Practice, Perkins Coie LLP*  
*Seattle, WA*

***This panel will discuss how Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) concerns measure the success of companies in balancing their environmental, social, and corporate priorities. The panelists will discuss the ways that ESG is changing how corporations operate, how shareholder preferences are changing, and how potential investors react to prospective investments.***

**Utility Vegetation Management: Legal, Regulatory, and Social Justice Issues**

*Lawrence Kahn*  
*Director, Tulane Vegetation Management Initiative*  
*Mountain Lakes, NJ*

*Edith Lee Payne*  
*Executive Director, Lee-Lovett Foundation*  
*Detroit, MI*

*Steven Moctezuma*

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*2L, Tulane Law School  
New Orleans, LA*

*Randy Gimple  
Partner, Carlson, Calladine & Peterson  
San Francisco, CA*

***This panel will discuss utility vegetation management (UVM), an emerging area of legal practice that concerns the interaction between the natural world and the delivery of energy. As the ongoing litigation over the 2018 Camp Fire caused by PG&E's poor line maintenance practices has shown, UVM has enormous implications for corporate liability, but it also necessarily involves thorny questions of contract, property, and bankruptcy law. The panel will also address the social justice issues implicated in the ways that utility vegetation management regulations and programs are composed. It will discuss "tree equity," or the ways that low-income neighborhoods with minimal tree cover subsidize the tree maintenance of high-income neighborhoods with abundant tree cover.***

**Women in Environmental and Energy Careers: Moving into the Future**

*Elizabeth Teel Galante  
Senior Vice President of Business Development  
PosiGen Solar  
Jefferson, LA*

*Deanna Rodriguez  
President and CEO, Entergy New Orleans, LLC  
New Orleans, LA*

*Amy Johnson  
Law Offices of Amy R. Johnson  
Portland, OR*

***This panel will highlight the different achievements made by women in environmental and energy careers, and how the dialogue in these communities is changing. The panelists will discuss overcoming gender barriers, establishing careers in male-dominated legal arenas, and how female participation is progressively shaping the direction of the environmental and energy sectors.***

**Hurricane Protection, Climate Resilience, and Disaster Relief**

*Leopold Sher  
Co-managing Member, Sher Garner, & Adjunct Professor of Law, Tulane Law School  
New Orleans, LA*

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*Murray Starkel*  
*Managing Partner, Ecological Service Partners*  
*Southlake, TX*

*Jesse Keenan*  
*Associate Professor of Real Estate, Tulane University*  
*New Orleans, LA*

*Ryan Lambert*  
*Founder and President of Cajun Fishing Adventures*  
*Luling, LA*

***This panel will discuss the legal complexities of disaster preparedness, disaster relief efforts, and disaster recovery. Additionally, this panel will address the legal elements of constructing large-scale storm protection projects like the New Orleans levee system. Panelists will discuss the Army Corps of Engineers' role in storm protection, and how its mandates of environmental protection under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act are balanced in practice, when health and safety are at risk.***

**Louisiana's Climate Action Plan: The Legislative and Regulatory Road Ahead**

*Harry Vorhoff*  
*Deputy Director, Louisiana Governor's Office of Coastal Activities*  
*New Orleans, LA*

*Allison DeJong*  
*Planner, Water Institute of the Gulf*  
*Baton Rouge, LA*

*Lindsay Cooper*  
*Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor-Coastal Activities*  
*Baton Rouge, LA*

***This panel will discuss the Louisiana Climate Action Plan, which was recently adopted unanimously by the governor's Climate Initiatives Task Force. Special focus will be given to Plan's legislative and policy recommendations that the state can adopt to move toward a clean energy transition, industrial decarbonization, maintaining healthy wetlands, and building an inclusive, low carbon economy.***

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022**

**Abandoned Oilfield Law**  
*Andrew Jacoby*

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*Environmental Litigation Attorney, Law Office of Andrew Jacoby, LLC  
New Orleans, LA*

*David Levy  
Owner, PetroTechnologies  
Broussard, LA*

*Megan Milliken  
Founder, True Transition  
Vienna, Vienna, Austria*

***This panel will discuss the emerging legal challenge posed by “legacy sites,” or abandoned oil and gas wells. The panelists will discuss how legacy site lawsuits are changing oil and gas companies’ legal and environmental responsibilities to the communities in which they are situated.***

**The Public Trust Doctrine and Environmental Law**

*Thuy Le  
Senior Research Fellow, Tulane Institute on Water Resources and Policy  
New Orleans, LA*

*Robin Craig  
Robert C. Packard Trustee Chair in Law, USC Gould School of Law  
Los Angeles, CA*

*Tad Bartlett  
Special Counsel, Fishman Haygood LLP  
Metairie, LA*

*Beaux Jones  
Chief of Staff & General Counsel, The Water Institute of the Gulf  
Baton Rouge, LA*

***Largely overlooked since the U.S. Supreme Court first explained the doctrine in its 1892 Illinois Central Railroad v. Illinois decision, there has recently been a renewed interest in the public trust idea as a potential legal avenue for holding federal and state governments to a higher standard of environmental stewardship and protection. This panel will discuss the origin and evolution of the public trust doctrine in U.S. law and what role it might play in the future of environmental law and litigation.***

**Decarbonization of the Shipping Industry: New Regulations and Challenges Ahead for Shipowners (Co-Hosted with Tulane’s Maritime Law Society)**

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*Professor Martin Davies  
Tulane Law School  
New Orleans, LA*

*Walter J. Leger, Jr.  
Commissioner, Port of New Orleans  
New Orleans, LA*

*Carl W. Bentzel  
Commissioner, Federal Maritime Commission  
Washington, D.C.*

***This panel will discuss ongoing and proposed efforts to shift the international shipping industry away from fossil fuels and towards renewable and carbon-neutral sources of energy, including the International Maritime Organization's new regulations mandating greenhouse gas emission reductions and the European Union's recent announcement that shipping activities will be phased-in to its union-wide carbon emissions trading system. The panel will also explore potential methods by which shipowners can achieve compliance with these new mandates, such as by use of alternative fuels or instituting operational changes.***

**Developments in NEPA**

*Professor Christopher Dalbom  
Assistant Director, Tulane Institute on Water Resources and Policy  
New Orleans, LA*

***This panel will discuss recent developments in regulations and litigation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), including the Biden Administration's proposed changes to NEPA's implementing regulations and what a "strengthened NEPA" might mean for future environmental impact studies and litigation over projects subject to the law's requirements.***

**Environmental Class Actions**

*Joseph M. Bruno Sr.  
Managing Partner, Bruno & Bruno Law  
New Orleans, LA*

*William Goodell  
Principal, Goodell Law Firm, & Adjunct Professor of Law, Tulane Law School  
New Orleans, LA*

*Michael G. Stag  
Chief Executive Officer and Managing Member, Stag Liuzza, LLC  
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*Louis Grossman*

*Partner, Kean Miller LLP*

*New Orleans, LA*

*James P. Doré*

*Partner, Dispute Resolution Services of LA, LLC*

*Baton Rouge, LA*

***This panel will delve into the highs and lows of environmental class action lawsuits, including a look into the Agriculture Street Landfill Class Action Lawsuit and a class action against Denka Performance Elastomer, LLC.***

**Indigenous Communities: Tribal Law and Sovereignty in a Changing Climate**

*Professor Patty Ferguson Bohnee*

*Director - Indian Law Clinic, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law*

*Phoenix, AZ*

*Tara Widner*

*Treaty Rights Working Group Facilitator, Pipeline Legal Action Network*

*Minneapolis, MN*

*Sam Cohen*

*Governmental Affairs & Legal Officer, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians*

*Santa Ynez, CA*

***This panel will focus on the legal issues indigenous people face as they face some of the worst impacts of a changing climate, with a special focus on the threat to tribes' cultural and natural resources posed by disasters like coastal erosion and drought. This panel will address the difficult questions of law, policy, and tribal sovereignty implicated by the possibility of relocation.***

**The New Waters of the United States Rule**

*Professor Mark Davis*

*Director, Tulane Institute on Water Resources and Policy*

*New Orleans, LA*

*Larry Liebesman*

*Senior Advisor, Dawson & Associates*

*Washington, D.C.*

*Jim Murphy*

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*Director of Legal Advocacy, National Wildlife Federation  
Montpelier, VT*

***This panel will discuss the proposed new Waters of the United States Rule (WOTUS) and what potential legal issues that may arise by reinstating the pre-2015 definition of “waters of the United States,” which was updated to reflect consideration of Supreme Court decisions.***

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**Professionalism in the Practice of Law**

*Adam Babich, Professor of Law, Tulane Law School*

Professor Adam Babich teaches and writes on environmental law. From 2000 to 2017, Professor Babich served as Director of Tulane's Environmental Law Clinic. He is the author of numerous articles on environmental law and policy, administrative law, and civil procedure. Professor Babich is a fellow of the American College of Environmental Lawyers.

Before joining Tulane in 2000, he was a litigator in Denver and Chicago, enforced environmental laws as a Colorado Assistant Attorney General, served as an adjunct attorney for the Environmental Defense Fund and worked as a judicial law clerk for the Colorado Supreme Court. He also spent four years as editor-in-chief of the Environmental Law Reporter.

Professor Babich was a trial lawyer on the nation's first remedy trial under the Superfund law and has litigated high-profile cases involving the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and other types of environmental contamination. He has also taught at Georgetown University Law Center, American University and the University of Denver.

Under his leadership, the Tulane Environmental Law Clinic received the New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association's Camille F. Gravel Jr. Pro Bono Award in 2010. Professor Babich's recent publications include *Back to the Basics of Antipollution Law* in the Tulane Environmental Law Journal, and *The Unfulfilled Promise of Effective Air Quality and Emissions Monitoring*, in the Georgetown Environmental Law Review.

**Recent Developments in Legal Ethics**

*Clare S. Roubion, Lawyer, Louisiana Legal Ethics, LLC*

Clare Roubion is a 2014 graduate of the LSU Law Center. She is engaged in a limited law practice and in law-related consulting, principally in the areas of legal ethics, lawyer discipline, and judicial discipline. Her practice includes handling disciplinary matters before the Louisiana Supreme Court, the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board and the Louisiana Judiciary Commission, legal malpractice cases, lawyer disqualification motions and lawyer fee disputes.

**NGO and Public Interest Lawyering**

*Misha Mitchell, Staff Attorney, Atchafalaya Basinkeeper*

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Misha Mitchell is a Staff Attorney with Atchafalaya Basinkeeper (“ABK”). Misha attended the University of Alabama School of Law where she interned with various environmental organizations in Alabama. She joined ABK in 2016. Misha oversees ABK’s legal campaigns and advocacy work to ensure that environmental laws are enforced and followed for the health of the Basin and its communities.

*Kristi Trail, Executive Director, Pontchartrain Conservancy*

Kristi Trail is the Executive Director of Ponchartrain Conservancy, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting environmental sustainability and stewardship. Kristi attended Louisiana State University, where she graduated in 1996 with a BS in Civil Engineering. Kristi received an MS from LSU in 1998. Kristi is also a 2005 graduate of the Loyola University Institute of Politics and the Institute of Environmental Communications.

Kristi is responsible for all aspects of governance and day-to-day operations for Ponchartrain Conservancy, including managing a \$3.4 million budget, 14-member board of directors, 30 full- and part-time employees and contractors. She also directs operations at Pontchartrain Conservancy’s Canal Lighthouse Museum and Education Center, and the Pontchartrain Beach Office. Prior to joining Pontchartrain Conservancy, Kristi worked as an engineer in various capacities in the energy sector and as a private consultant. She is active in the New Orleans community, serving on many non-profit boards including Parkway Partners, Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans, LSU Health Sciences Center Foundation, and the Audubon Area Zoning Association. She is also an active member of the Women’s Professional Council of New Orleans.

*Franziska Trautmann, Founder and Director, Glass Half Full*

Franziska Trautmann is the Co-Founder, Co-Director, and resident chemical engineer at Glass Half Full. Born and raised in Louisiana, she grew up woefully unaware of the local recycling and coastal erosion issues. Once in college, she quickly realized that we needed to do something about these two profound problems facing our state. During her time at Tulane University, she was recognized by the chemical engineering faculty for outstanding performance and inducted into the national engineering honors fraternity. Today, she heads up the research and development for projects such as coastal protection and restoration, asphalt and cement mixtures, and process design.

*Anne Rolfes, Director, Louisiana Bucket Brigade*

Anne began her career in Nigeria, collaborating with local communities to address oil companies’ destruction of the Niger Delta. She returned to Louisiana in 2000 and collaborated with women along Cancer Alley to found the Louisiana Bucket Brigade. Anne was born and raised in Lafayette, Louisiana where many people made their fortunes from the oil industry. She

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has seen the wealth and the poverty created by oil production and seeks a phase out of fossil fuels in her lifetime. She has a Masters in International Development from Tulane and has twice testified before Congress. Her work has been recognized by local and national awards, including the Jane Bagley Lehman Award for Public Advocacy and the Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leader Award.

*Grace James, CEO and Founder, un-Due*

Grace is eleven years old and already committed to fighting climate change. Grace founded un-Due to spread awareness and call people to action. She and her father, Francis, have been working on building a climate action app to motivate others to lead a sustainable lifestyle.

*Pastor Gregory Manning, Chairman & Founder, Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate Coalition*

Rev. Manning graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in theater and religion from Wabash College and went on to earn his Masters of divinity degree from Concordia Theological Seminary. Rev. Manning believes firmly that everyone's life has a story. This present chapter of his life includes a strong commitment to the ministry of Broadmoor Community Church, community organizing and a consistent fight to dismantle systemic racism and institutional racism on all fronts. This is accomplished through Pastor Manning's involvement as co-moderator for Justice and Beyond, a coalition of activists, an organization that advocates for equity and justice.

Pastor Manning is also the founder and chairman of the Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate Coalition. He has been deeply engaged in the fight against the petrochemical industry's poisoning of River Parishes as facilitator for Coalition Against Death Alley. Pastor Manning also enjoys serving on the board of directors of The Greater New Orleans YMCA, The Lighthouse of the Blind, The Salvation Army and Rebecca's Garden of Hope and Step Up Louisiana. Pastor Manning considers it to be a special blessing to be an international speaker who has had the privilege of speaking as far north as Norway and as far south as Australia. His message is one of hope and peace in times of struggle as he shares his faith, nothing is too hard for God.

**Environmental, Social, and Governance: Corporate, Legal, and Public Perspectives**

*Randall Hopkins, Global Head of Nasdaq OneReport, Vice President, Nasdaq*

Randall Hopkins has over twenty years' experience at Nasdaq. Randall has held several senior leadership positions overseeing Sales, Product Management, Policy, Customer Service and Business Development teams, in addition to successfully integrating several major acquisitions. Randall also led Nasdaq's Revitalize Initiative to improve the U.S. capital markets ecosystem by working with corporates, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the U.S. Congress, and other

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industry thought leaders to devise and implement both short term and long term improvements to address the needs of all stakeholders.

Currently, Randall leads the Nasdaq OneReport business, a fast-growing provider of ESG data management and reporting services, enabling clients to navigate the evolving ratings landscape and address relevant metrics efficiently. Nasdaq OneReport's online software simplifies data collection, colleague engagement and oversight, reporting, and web publishing allowing organizations to be more strategic in their ESG efforts.

Randall holds Masters degrees in Business Administration, Information Science, and Philosophy, as well as a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Washington University in St. Louis.

*Julia Mord, Deputy Chief Investment Officer, Tulane Investment Management Office*

Julia Mord plays a lead role in the oversight of Tulane University's \$2.0 billion Pooled Endowment and related Endowment assets. She is also responsible for the management and oversight of public market investments for the endowment, which includes the Global Equity, Marketable Alternatives, and Core Fixed Income portfolios. Julia joined Tulane University's Investment Management Office in May 2014. From 2006 to April 2014, Julia was an investment officer at AI International, a NYC-based family office, where she was responsible for co-managing a multi-asset class portfolio with a large allocation to alternative investments. Prior to her experience at AI International, Julia worked at Jefferies & Company and Ernst & Young. Julia has a BA in Economics from the University of Chicago, an MBA from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and is a CAIA charterholder.

*Allison C. Handy, Partner, Firmwide Co-Chair, Corporate & Securities Practice, Perkins Coie LLP*

Allison Handy is the firmwide co-chair of the Corporate & Securities practice. Her extensive experience includes advising public and private companies in connection with corporate governance practices, disclosure issues, and capital markets transactions, such as equity offerings, debt offerings and tender offers. She is also a leader of the firm's Environmental, Social, and Governance advisory team.

Allison provides counsel to companies on a broad range of issues faced by management and directors in connection with the many compliance aspects of securities laws, including governance rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and stock exchanges. She advises boards and committees in matters related to internal investigations and the efforts of shareholder activists, and works closely with in-house counsel, financial personnel, and outside auditors and advisors to help her clients prepare proxy statements and other reports to investors that meet complex disclosure obligations.

In addition, Allison represents public and private companies in complex buy and sell side acquisitions, mergers, divestitures, carve-outs and joint ventures. Her mergers and acquisitions

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experience includes representing clients in diverse industries, including software, manufacturing, retail, and advertising, to name a few.

Allison is a frequent speaker and author on corporate governance and securities topics and a contributor to the firm's Public Chatter blog, *The Public Company Handbook: A Corporate Governance and Disclosure Guide for Directors and Executives* (Sixth Edition, 2021) and to *The IPO Handbook: A Guide for Entrepreneurs, Executives, Directors and Private Investors* (Second Edition, 2016).

**Utility Vegetation Management: Legal, Regulatory, and Social Justice Issues**

*Lawrence Kahn, Director, Tulane Vegetation Management Initiative*

Lawrence Kahn is an attorney and educator specializing in environmental and maritime matters for over 25 years. Lawrence previously worked for the U.S. Army, where he was certified as a Contracting Officer's Representative and negotiated and enforced government contracts, had oversight of the hazard tree removal program, management of Army timber, flora and fauna resources, protection of Army air, water and land resources, and development of environmental remediation projects for the (then) Division of Land Management.

Lawrence graduated from Columbia University in 1992 with a BA in Ancient Studies, was a varsity member of the school's NCAA championship fencing team, president of the Nightline peer counseling hotline, and a member of the Columbia Orchestra. He received his JD from Tulane Law School in 1995, where he also received a Certificate of Specialization in Maritime Law, served as the President of the Maritime Law Society, as a managing editor of the *Tulane Environmental Law Journal*, as a student attorney with the Environmental Law Clinic, earned The Maritime Law Center's Distinguished Service Award, the Bureau of National Affairs Law Student Award, developed the Tulane-Center for Seafarers' Rights Student Internship Program, and coached the Tulane Fencing Club.

Following law school, Lawrence served as Staff Attorney for a non-profit, then entered the private practice of law, joining a leading New York maritime firm in 1999 and achieving partner status in 2007. In 2018, Lawrence helped form and commenced advising to Asomeo Environmental Restoration Industry ("AERI") and oversaw its compliance, health, safety and environmental programs. Lawrence drafted the company's safety manual, developed the company's training modules, and performed training for the industry professionals to develop a safety culture and guiding EHS principles. In 2020, Lawrence developed (and currently serves as Director of) the Tulane Utility Vegetation Management Initiative, a joint project of Tulane Law School's Center for Environmental Law (where he serves as a Visiting Research Fellow) and Tulane Law School's Center for Energy Law.

*Edith Lee-Payne, Executive Director, Lee-Lovett Foundation*

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Edith Lee-Payne is a freelance consultant in marketing, political and public affairs, a political strategist and civil rights activist who holds a BPA in Public Affairs from Wayne State University. She has been an activist for more than four decades in areas of education, housing, police/community relations, public safety and civil rights. A photograph taken of her at the August 28, 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom is on permanent exhibit at the David M. Rubenstein Gallery of the National Archives Museum in Washington, D.C. Edith recently served on the 2020 Michigan Board of Elections, and has been active in the Flint water crisis. Recognition for her advocacy, professional and political service includes the National Congress of Black Women, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Task Force, Inc., Detroit City Council, Detroit School Board, Oak Grove African American Church's Commission on Christian Social Relations, National Alliance of Faith and Justice, and commendations Presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. She served as the 2018 Ambassador for the "From NonViolence to No Violence" Campaign of the National Alliance of Faith and Justice and is currently the Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Lee-Lovett Foundation, which educates, promotes and encourages organ and tissue donation. The Foundation was established in memory of her eldest son, an innocent victim of gun violence. She has past and present affiliations in this regard with the Michigan Donor Family Advisory Committee, Michigan Donor Family Council, the President's Health & Human Services Council on Organ & Tissue Donation, Health & Human Service Workplace Partnership for Life, and the Transplant Support Network (London, England). Her advocacy for organ and tissue donation has been recognized nationally and internationally.

Edith's involvement in UVM began as a result of a UVM-caused fire that destroyed her home. Since that time, Edith has been active in efforts to hold utilities accountable to the communities they serve and to seek justice for people who have been killed, injured, or who have lost their property as a result of utility company negligence and other failures. Her presentation, "Utility Accountability: The Need for Social Justice Activism in the UVM Industry" explores the need for social justice activism in the UVM industry, discussing successes and failures and the need for public involvement and support for the benefit of the public as a whole and disadvantaged communities in particular.

*Steven Moctezuma, 2L, Tulane Law School*

Steven Moctezuma is a second year law student at Tulane Law School. He is the Vice President of the Tulane Environmental and Energy Law Society, a junior member of the Tulane Environmental Law Journal, a student attorney at the Environmental Law Clinic, a member of the Tulane Latinx Law Student Association, and the 2L representative of the First Generation Law Student Association.

Originally from Pomona, California, Steven graduated from the University of California Berkeley with a BA in Philosophy. At UC Berkeley he served as a committee member for the ASUC Senator's Housing Solutions Committee and was a housing manager at the Berkeley Student Cooperative which provided affordable housing for low-income students.

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After graduation Steven interned at the Social Justice Collaborative working with clients seeking asylum and worked as a writing instructor for Prison University Project at Mount Tamalpais College in San Quentin State Prison, teaching introductory college writing. Last summer, Steven was a researcher at the Water Law and Policy Institute where he researched various water policy issues in Louisiana and interstate legal issues regarding upstream pollution in the Mississippi River. Before that, Steven was a legal clerk at Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein LLC in San Francisco where he worked with clients involved in tort litigation against Pacific Gas & Electric and Southern California Edison for their role in starting the California Camp Fire, Thomas and Woolsey wildfires.

After experiencing the reactionary side of public utility safety at Lief Cabraser, Steven became interested in the prevention of public utility accidents and discovered utility vegetation management. As a first year law student, Steven worked with Asoemo Environmental Restoration Industry, (AERI), researching and compiling statutory laws and data regarding public utility safety to inform the development of improved safety guidelines.

Steven is currently working on an article that details obstacles in the access to justice for victims of public utility accidents and posits potential solutions. This summer, Steven will be interning at Earthjustice in Los Angeles.

*Randy Gimple, Partner, Carlson, Calladine & Peterson*

Randy Gimple is one of the founding partners of Carlson, Calladine & Peterson. He represents parties in cases involving catastrophic fires, explosions, floods, earthquakes, equipment failures, automobile accidents, and other calamities. Randy has handled cases concerning wildland fire cases in California, Texas, and other states, as well as rocket-fuel explosions, a train derailment, a multiple-facility gas pipeline explosion, and hundreds of structure fires. Randy's clients include companies in the computer, electrical utility, telecommunications, aerospace, semiconductor, and heavy manufacturing industries.

Randy had an in-depth knowledge of forensic investigation techniques, the admissibility of technical and scientific evidence, tort liability, governmental liability, inverse condemnation, express and implied indemnity and class action certification. He is a published author and speaker in matters involving catastrophic loss investigation, spoliation of evidence, multi-party litigation strategies, and wildland fire litigation. He is admitted to practice in the California State Courts, the U.S. District Courts in California, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is also a member of the National Fire Protection Association, the International Association of Arson Investigators, and California Conference of Arson Investigators. He had also served as an invited Subject Matter Expert for the National Wildland Fire Coordination Group in its development of curricula for teaching principles of wildland fire litigation.

**Women in Environmental and Energy Careers: Moving into the Future**

*Elizabeth Teel Galante, Senior Vice President of Business Development, PosiGen Solar*

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Elizabeth Teel Galante has practiced and taught criminal, energy and environmental law in Louisiana for 15 years, including work with the Tulane Law Clinic when it received the Distinguished Environmental Achievement Award from the American Bar Association and the Runner Up Lawyer of the Year in the National Law Journal for its groundbreaking environmental justice advocacy.

After Hurricane Katrina, Elizabeth opened and directed Global Green's Gulf Coast office, an international nonprofit that created LEED Platinum and net zero homes with actor Brad Pitt in the Lower 9th Ward, and high performance schools and affordable housing city- and state-wide. She created a comprehensive energy education program for which Time magazine wrote "No organization is doing more to green New Orleans," was named a Champion of Change by the White House for managing New Orleans' DOE Better Buildings program, and is an Aspen Institute Fellow in its flagship Henry Crown Fellowship. Elizabeth joined PosiGen Solar at its founding 10 years ago to deliver solar and energy efficiency financing and guaranteed savings to all homeowners, regardless of income or credit score – the only company in the nation to serve lower income families. Due in large part to her efforts, Louisiana is now first in the nation in low income solar adoption. PosiGen's partnership with the Connecticut Green Bank to deliver low income clean energy access has garnered them Harvard's Innovation in Government Award, a joint award from the Clean Energy States Alliance, took Connecticut to solar parity by income in less than 4 years, and led to a DOE grant to support PosiGen's growth to states across America.

*Deanna Rodriguez, President and CEO, Entergy New Orleans, LLC*

Deanna Rodriguez is president and chief executive officer of Entergy New Orleans, LLC, where she oversees the company's electric distribution system, safety, financial performance, customer service, resource planning, economic development, charitable contributions, employee development, and regulatory and governmental affairs.

Deanna, a 27-year veteran of Entergy, previously served a vice president of regulatory and public affairs at Entergy Texas, Inc. Prior to that, she was vice president of regulatory affairs for Entergy New Orleans, where she worked closely with the New Orleans City Council to launch the first Energy Smart program. The comprehensive energy efficiency plan was developed in collaboration with the New Orleans City Council and continues assisting customers today.

She also served as director of external affairs for Entergy Corporation, where she coordinated post-Hurricane Katrina funding efforts, which resulted in more than \$200 million in community development block grant funding for Entergy's Louisiana, Mississippi and New Orleans operating companies.

From 1999 to 2003, as vice president of corporate contributions, Deanna oversaw the creation of the Entergy Charitable Foundation and the company's employee volunteer program, Community Connectors.

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Deanna holds a master's degree in public affairs from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin and a bachelor's degree in government from the University of Texas at Austin.

*Amy R. Johnson, Law Offices of Amy R. Johnson, Portland, OR*

Amy R. Johnson practices law in Oregon and Texas. She consults for Texas RioGrande Legal Aid on environmental cases on behalf of low-income Texans. Recently, she served as lead counsel in *San Antonio Bay Estuarine Waterkeeper v. Formosa Plastics, Texas*, which challenged the discharge of microplastics. After the federal judge held that Formosa was a “serial offender” of the law, the parties settled for the largest mitigation penalties in a private suit under the federal Clean Water Act. In Oregon, she has worked on class action consumer cases, including *Sharfstein v. BP*, a case regarding gasoline price advertising. She taught business law, ethics and communications for Suffolk University in Dakar, Senegal, and served as the first Public Insurance Counsel on behalf of Texas insurance consumers. She has also helped draft state laws relating to *colonias* in Texas. She graduated *cum laude* from Harvard Law School in 1985.

**Hurricane Protection, Climate Resilience, and Disaster Relief**

*Leopold Sher, Co-managing Member, Sher Garner, & Adjunct Professor of Law, Tulane Law School*

Leopold Sher is a business lawyer whose practice is concentrated in commercial real estate and business and finance law. Along with his practice, Leopold is actively involved with many professional and trade organizations, including the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, where he served as Treasurer and a member of the Executive Board. Leopold is an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, with a special designation for arbitrating Commercial Disputes. Leopold also serves on the Tulane Law School Dean's Advisory Board, whose purpose is to serve as an advisory and consultative group to the Dean of the Law School, bringing the perspective of alumni and other friends of the Law School to bear on matters of Law School policy, activities, programs and goals, and acts as an advocate to assist the Dean in advancing the interest of the school. He is currently a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers, a trade association that represents the interests of those involved in the shopping center industry, including lenders, tenants, owners and developers. From 1986 to 1999, Leopold was also a member of the Lenders' Counsel Group of the American Land Title Association (ALTA), a group limited to 75 lending lawyers, who met in conjunction with the ALTA, the title insurance industry trade association. Leopold is a Tulane University and Tulane Law alum; he received a BA in Political Science in 1974, and a JD in 1976.

*Murray Starkel, Managing Partner, Ecological Service Partners*

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Murray Starkel has over 25 years of experience in full-cycle large-scale program development including raising capital, working with federal, state and local regulatory agencies, and executing complex construction projects. Murray previously spent 21 years as an officer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE”). While in USACE, Murray was Deputy Commander of the New Orleans District in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina. In this role, he managed the \$15 billion program to design and build the new hurricane protection system in Southeast Louisiana. Following his military career, Murray joined Natural Gas Partners as a Managing Director. Most recently, Murray joined Ecosystem Investment Partners, a private equity firm with over \$500 million under management focused on land based ecosystem offsets such as wetland and stream mitigation banking as well as endangered species and water quality and quantity trading.

*Jesse Keenan, Associate Professor of Real Estate, Tulane University*

Professor Jesse M. Keenan is an Associate Professor of Real Estate within the faculty of the School of Architecture at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Professor Keenan’s teaching and research advances the interdisciplinary fields of sustainable real estate and infrastructure finance and development. As a globally recognized thought leader, Professor Keenan’s research focuses on the intersection of climate change adaptation and the built environment, including aspects of design, engineering, regulation, planning and financing. Professor Keenan has previously advised on matters concerning the built environment for agencies of the U.S. government, governors, mayors, Fortune 500 companies, technology ventures, community enterprises and international NGOs. Professor Keenan formerly served as the Area Head for Real Estate and Built Environment on the faculty of the Harvard Graduate School of Design; Fellow of Science, Technology and Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government; as the Research Director of the Center for Urban Real Estate on the faculty of the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation at Columbia University; and, as Visiting Scholar at the Perry World House at the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Keenan currently serves as an Honorary Research Associate at the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment at Oxford University within the Sustainable Finance Group.

Professor Keenan was among the first scholars to study the relationship between climate change and real estate and was among the first to publish peer reviewed evidence of the existence of a climate change signal in a real estate market and in a mortgage market. Among other contributions, Professor Keenan coined the term 'Climate Gentrification.' Professor Keenan’s theory of Climate Gentrification has gone on to shape a global discourse on the relationship between climate change, social equity and applied economics. Professor Keenan also developed the concepts of “Bluelining” and the “Climate Intelligence Arms Race,” which have framed active domestic and international policy conversations concerning the role and distributional impact of market-based adaptation.

*Ryan Lambert, Founder and President, Cajun Fishing Adventures*

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Ryan is the Founder and President of Cajun Fishing Adventures, a Gulf Coast hunting lodge and fishing charter. Cajun Fishing Adventures, in operation since 1980, grew out of Ryan's sporting supply store; noting the lack of professional hunting and fishing guides in St. Charles Parish, Ryan began running his own guide and charter service. Cajun Fishing Adventures is now a nationally-recognized destination for fly fishing, saltwater fishing, and duck hunting. Ryan's charter service now employs 10 guides, and his hunting lodge supports more than two dozen Gulf Coast families. Cajun Fishing Adventures is now recognized by USA Today as one of the top 10 fishing charters in America, and one of the top 5 sport fishing and hunting lodges in all of North America.

**Climate Initiatives: Legislative and Regulatory History, and Future Challenges**

*Harry Vorhoff, Deputy Director, Louisiana Governor's Office of Coastal Activities*

Harry J. Vorhoff, a graduate of Tulane Law School, is the deputy director of the Governor's Office of Coastal Activities. In addition to serving as legal counsel to the chairman of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board, Harry manages the office's effort to coordinate and focus the functions of state agencies as they relate to integrated coastal protection. In this role, Harry represents the governor on the Louisiana Oyster Task Force and the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board.

He also serves as a designee and the chair of the Governor's Climate Initiatives Task Force and Louisiana's point of contact for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's Renewable Energy Task Force. Prior to joining the Governor's Office of Coastal Activities, Harry served as the environmental section chief for the Louisiana Department of Justice, where he represented the State of Louisiana and its agencies in a wide variety of matters ranging from environmental, oil and gas, wildlife and fisheries, interstate river compacts, coastal, and appellate law.

Harry earned a BA from the University of Pennsylvania and a JD from Tulane University Law School.

*Allison DeJong, Planner, Water Institute of the Gulf*

Allison DeJong, AICP is a planner for the Water Institute of the Gulf, where she supports people and communities adapting to climate change using frameworks and approaches from urban planning and economics. She has over ten years of experience in planning and policy advocacy, working across disciplines to achieve material gains for coastal residents, businesses, and communities.

Allison joined the Institute after three years as Senior Water Manager for Propeller in New Orleans, where she worked with small businesses in the coastal and storm water sectors to define their market opportunities, increase revenue and contracts, and grow their social and

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environmental impact. Prior to that role, she spent nearly six years as a planner at GCR, Inc., in New Orleans, where she was a key member of the community resilience team that worked with states and municipalities to secure \$240 million in funding from HUD's National Disaster Resilience Competition. She developed benefit-cost analyses for those proposals and created analyses of demographic and labor statistics for a wide range of plans and studies, including public transit, economic development, and small area plans. She also co-authored and developed facilitation plans for the City of New Orleans' first-ever economic development strategy, ProsperityNOLA. She began her career in New Orleans supporting nonprofits with database management and policy advocacy work in food systems.

Allison holds a bachelor's in economics from University of Notre Dame and a master's in business administration from Louisiana State University. She is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners.

*Lindsay Cooper, Policy Advisor, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards' Office, Coastal, and Project Manager, Louisiana Climate Initiative*

Lindsay Cooper is a policy advisor for the Louisiana Governor's Office- Coastal with a focus in strategic planning, interagency alignment, and intergovernmental coordination on state priorities regarding climate change adaptation and mitigation. As project manager for the Louisiana Climate Initiative, Lindsay manages the Governor's Climate Initiatives Task Force to ensure the state's ability to meet near- and long-term greenhouse gas emission reduction targets through timely and inclusive development of a state climate action plan. Understanding the interconnected nature of mitigation of and adaptation to climate change, Lindsay also serves as an advisor to the Louisiana Watershed Initiative as it seeks to reduce flood risk across Louisiana through innovative watershed-based floodplain management and to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority in their implementation of the Coastal Master Plan. A Tulane graduate and Louisiana native, Lindsay is passionate about understanding, connecting with, and serving the people and environment of Louisiana through addressing the root causes and consequences of a changing climate at the intersection of sound science and policy.

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**Abandoned Oilfield Law**

*Andrew Jacoby, Environmental Litigation Attorney, Law Office of Andrew Jacoby, LLC*

Andrew K. Jacoby is an environmental litigation, energy and natural resources, land use/zoning, and legislative/governmental affairs attorney practicing New Orleans. Andrew was selected to Rising Stars for 2018. He is admitted to practice before the courts in Louisiana. After completing undergraduate studies, Andrew attended law school. Andrew was enrolled at Tulane University Law School, earning a JD in 2008. Andrew was admitted to the practice of law in 2008.

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*David Levy, Owner, PetroTechnologies, Inc.*

David Levy is the owner of PetroTechnologies, a manufacturer of specialty parts for the oil and gas industries. David received a BS in Petroleum Engineering from Louisiana State University in 1986, and a second BS in Mechanical Engineering in 1990. David is an aviation enthusiast, and he became active in abandoned oilfield law by monitoring fossil fuel industry sites across southwest Louisiana from the air. He surveys oil and gas industry sites to check for environmental hazards, like oil spills and toppled storage tanks. David also surveys orphaned well sites to document their severity. Once a site is orphaned, it becomes the state's responsibility, and David helps locate sites that need to be plugged and rehabilitated.

*Megan Milliken, Founder, True Transition*

Megan Milliken Biven began her quest to save her home state of Louisiana from coastal inundation and industrial pollution when the levees broke and she hasn't stopped since. She graduated with a Masters in Public Policy from the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy and began her federal career as a Presidential Management Fellow for the then Marine Minerals Service, and now Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the week of the Deepwater Horizon disaster. As a regional infrastructure expert, she analyzed infrastructure networks in the context of macroeconomic trends, natural disasters and climate change. As a program analyst, she conducted research and wrote policy recommendations on financial assurance and orphan oil wells and helped lead the establishment of the Gulf of Mexico renewable offshore energy leasing program.

Since leaving the federal government for a European move, she has been self-publishing on topics related to a carbon capital gains tax, the labor practices of the American oil and gas industry and how to transition oil and gas provinces. These issues are immensely personal to Megan. She grew up in the narrow Mississippi River frontage between New Orleans and Baton Rouge known as "Cancer Alley," and indeed, many of her family have been afflicted with diseases of industry including her mother who is in remission from breast cancer, and her small son who spent his earliest years on nebulizers and in and out of the Children's hospital for asthma. She is deeply committed to fostering a new public imagination and expectation that will transition our economies and governments to truly serving the public good.

### **The Public Trust Doctrine and Environmental Law**

*Thuy Le, Senior Research Fellow, Tulane Institute on Water Resources and Policy*

Thuy Le is a graduate of Tulane Law School and Senior Research Fellow at the Tulane Institute on Water Resources Law & Policy. A native of New Orleans, she received her BA in Political

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Science from Loyola University of New Orleans and received a JD from Tulane in 2020 with a certificate in Maritime Law. Prior to law school, she worked at Transcendent Law Group, a private firm that specializes in labor & employment law and education law. During her time at Tulane, she was Editor-in-Chief of the Tulane Environmental Law Journal, President of the Asian-Pacific American Law Students Association, and a student attorney for the Domestic Violence Clinic.

*Robin Craig, Robert C. Packard Trustee Chair in Law, USC Gould School of Law, Los Angeles, CA*

Robin Craig specializes in all things water, including the relationships between climate change and water; the water-energy-food nexus; the Clean Water Act; the intersection of water issues and land issues; ocean and coastal law; marine biodiversity and marine protected areas; water law; ecological resilience and the law; climate change adaptation, and the relationships between environmental law and public health. She is the author, co-author, or editor of 12 books, including *Re-Envisioning the Anthropocene Ocean* (University of Utah Press, forthcoming, with Jeffrey M. McCarthy); *The End of Sustainability* (Kansas University Press 2017, with Melinda Harm Benson); *Contemporary Issues in Climate Change Law and Policy* (Environmental Law Institute 2016, with Stephen Miller); *Comparative Ocean Governance: Place- Based Protections in an Era of Climate Change* (Edward Elgar 2012); and *The Clean Water Act and the Constitution* (Environmental Law Institute 2nd Ed. 2009), as well as textbooks for environmental law, water law, and toxic torts. She has also written more than 100 law review articles and book chapters in both legal and scientific publications.

In recognition of her work on these topics, Craig was elected to membership in the American Law Institute in 2015 and the American College of Environmental Lawyers in 2019 and has been appointed to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's World Commission on Environmental Law and to the Center for Progressive Reform. She has served on six National Academy of Sciences committees that evaluated Florida Everglades restoration, implementation of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan, and application of the Clean Water Act to the Mississippi River. She has consulted on water quality issues with the government of Victoria, Australia, and the Council on Environmental Cooperation in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, and she was one of 12 marine educators chosen to participate in a 2010 program in the Papahānāmokuākea Marine National Monument, spending a week on Midway Atoll. She was also a principal researcher in a four-year grant project on Adaptive Water Governance sponsored by the National Social-Ecological Synthesis Center with money from the National Science Foundation. In 2018, Craig was named a William Evans Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand. In 2017, the Rockefeller Foundation awarded her a Bellagio Center Writing Residency fellowship, allowing her to spend four weeks on Lake Como, Italy, working on a new book project on *Re-Envisioning the Anthropocene Oceans*, and in 2016 she was a research fellow at the University of Tasmania, Hobart, Australia.

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Craig is an active participant in several national organizations, including the American Bar Association Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources (ABA SEER), where she currently serves on the editorial board of *Natural Resources & Environment*; the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, where she co-chairs the Natural Resources Law Teachers Committee; and the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), where she has chaired the Maritime Law Section, the Natural Resources Law Section and the Environmental Law Section. She has also served as a consultant to the Environmental Defense Fund and the River Network's Nutrient Task Force. Craig serves as an editorial board member of *Case Studies in the Environment and Coastal and Ocean Management*, specialty chief editor of *Frontiers Climate: Climate Law and Policy*, guest associate editor for *Frontiers Climate: Risk Management* on the topic of "Climate Change Adaptation as Risk Management," and as the series editor for the Wallace Stegner Series on Environmental Studies at the University of Utah Press.

Craig earned her JD summa cum laude in 1996 from the Lewis & Clark School of Law in Portland, Oregon, with a Certificate in Environmental Law; her PhD in English/literature and science in 1993 from the University of California, Santa Barbara; her MA in writing about science in 1986 from the Johns Hopkins University; and her BA cum laude in English/writing in 1985 from Pomona College in Claremont, California. While in law school, she worked for the Oregon Department of Justice in its general counsel division, natural resources section, representing the state's environmental and natural resources agencies. After law school, she clerked for Judge Robert E. Jones at the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon before starting her law teaching career as a visiting assistant professor at the Lewis & Clark School of Law. Before arriving at USC Gould School of Law in 2021, Craig held tenure-track positions at the Western New England College School of Law; Indiana University—Indianapolis School of Law (where she first received tenure); the Florida State University School of Law; and the University of Utah S.J. Quinney School of Law. She has visited at the Lewis & Clark School of Law, Vermont Law School, the University of Hawaii School of Law, and the University of Tasmania Faculty of Law. At Gould, Professor Craig teaches environmental law, water law, ocean and coastal law, toxic torts, and civil procedure.

*Tad Bartlett, Special Counsel, Fishman Haygood LLP*

H.S. Bartlett III ("Tad") joined Fishman Haygood after practicing in a diverse range of legal areas for more than twenty years. He first practiced under the Louisiana student practice rule in 1999 as a member of the Tulane Environmental Law Clinic, before graduating *magna cum laude* and Order of the Coif from Tulane Law School in 2000. While at Tulane, Tad served for a year as a research assistant to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Judge James L. Dennis for a class on comparative human rights law that they taught in Tulane's Summer Abroad program. After graduating, he served as a judicial clerk for Judge Dennis at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, then developed his litigation and appellate practice at the law firms of Liskow & Lewis and Krebs, Farley & Pelleteri. In 2009, he joined the team of attorneys at Jones, Swanson,

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Huddell & Garrison, where he headed up the firm's appellate practice across both its commercial and environmental litigation areas; then developed his appellate and litigation practice further as a member of Bartlett & Garrison.

Tad was an integral part of a multi-firm team that developed the coastal litigation practice regarding land-loss on behalf of both landowners and governmental entities. Tad also has been deeply involved in numerous complex commercial cases, from preferential rights disputes to bet-the-company litigation, as well as construction litigation. After several years of guest lecturing at local universities on coastal litigation topics, since 2019 he has served on Tulane Law School's faculty as an adjunct professor, as part of a team teaching an advanced seminar on Coastal Law Litigation & Policy each spring. Tad also runs the *Take the Fifth* blog (<http://takethefifth.blog>), which digests all opinions released by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, summarizes all opinions designated for publication, and tracks statistics on opinion releases from the Circuit.

Tad lives in Metairie with his wife, Nicole, and their three children. He is a member of the Jesuit High School Band Parents and a lector at St. Philip Neri parish. Tad is also a writer, with short stories and essays published in the *Oxford American*, *Bitter Southerner*, *Massachusetts Review*, *Carolina Quarterly*, *Stockholm Review of Literature*, and many others, including a piece named as a "notable" essay by *Best American Essays 2017*; and is also the managing editor of the literary journal *Peauxdunque Review*.

*Beaux Jones, Chief of Staff & General Counsel, The Water Institute of the Gulf*

Beaux Jones brings extensive experience in the government, non-profit, and private sectors, and an extensive knowledge of coastal and environmental law to the Institute.

Prior to joining the Institute, Jones served as the environmental section chief for the Louisiana Department of Justice, where he represented the State of Louisiana and its agencies in a wide variety of matters ranging from environmental and coastal law to criminal and appellate law. He most recently worked as an environmental and coastal lawyer for the law firm Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer in New Orleans.

Jones has extensive experience representing agencies, companies and organizations inside the courtroom and internally. He has argued cases at every level of state and federal court in Louisiana and has worked on several high-profile cases related to the Gulf Coast and Louisiana. He was on the BP spill litigation team with the Louisiana Attorney General.

Jones handles general legal matters for the Institute, such as contracts and immigration law, but is also a key member of the leadership team, merging the Institute's ongoing work in science, engineering and resiliency with legal policy.

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Jones earned his bachelor's from Davidson College and his law degree from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at LSU. He is active in a variety of community and environmental causes. He currently serves as vice chair of the Louisiana State Bar Association-Environmental Section and vice chair for the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana.

**Decarbonization of the Shipping Industry: New Regulations and Challenges Ahead for Shipowners (Co-Hosted with Tulane's Maritime Law Society)**

*Martin Davies, Professor of Law, Tulane Law School*

Professor Martin Davies is an international authority on admiralty law who has taught in Australia, England, Singapore and Italy as well as the United States. He joined the Tulane Law School faculty in 2000 after a visiting appointment in 1999. He previously taught at the University of Melbourne, Australia, where he was Harrison Moore Professor of Law. Professor Davies, who has been a professional actor, also has worked as a consultant for maritime law firms for 30 years and is presently engaged by an international law firm with a maritime law practice in many countries. He serves on the Editorial Board of Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly and the Melbourne Journal of International Law. In addition to admiralty, he teaches in the areas of international sale of goods and torts. And he has written (or co-written) books on maritime law, international trade law, international sale of goods and torts. He received the Felix Frankfurter Distinguished Teaching Award from the Tulane Law School graduating class in 2003 and 2011. He was chosen for a Tulane University President's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2012.

*Walter J. Leger, Jr., Commissioner, Port of New Orleans*

Walter J. Leger Jr., Commissioner, appointed to the Board July 2020, is a prominent attorney and esteemed legal expert. Walter serves as the Senior Partner in the law firm of Leger & Shaw. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Louisiana State University, and received his legal education at Tulane University, where he graduated from Tulane School of Law with a concentration in Maritime Law.

After graduation, Walter worked as an admiralty associate at the Phelps Dunbar law firm. He later formed his own firm dedicated to admiralty and complex litigation, including the Hard Rock Hotel litigation, nationwide opioid litigation, the BP Oil Spill case, and the Castano Tobacco litigation to name a few.

Walter is the past President of the New Orleans Bar Foundation and the New Orleans Bar Association. The Louisiana Bar Journal named him a "Louisiana Legal Legend." He received the "President's Award" for leadership and public service from the New Orleans Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association and the Louisiana Association of Justice.

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Walter has tirelessly served his community and Louisiana, currently sitting on the Louisiana Land Trust as Chairman, the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA) as a Commissioner and the New Orleans City Park Board. He is a member of the Louisiana Committee of 100 for Economic Development, the Southeast Louisiana Business Council Coalition, the New Orleans/Baton Rouge Super Region Committee, the Board of Trustees of the Greater New Orleans Foundation and the Louisiana Cancer Research Center. He served as Chairman of the St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation and also as a founding Director of GNO, Inc.

*Carl W. Bentzel, Commissioner, Federal Maritime Commission*

Commissioner Carl Bentzel was nominated by President Trump on June 12, 2019, to a term expiring on June 30, 2024. The United States Senate confirmed his nomination on November 21, 2019, and he was sworn into office on December 9, 2019.

Prior to his appointment at the Federal Maritime Commission, Commissioner Bentzel created and established a consulting services company where he represented clients on regulatory and legislative issues within the areas of transportation, energy and other areas of federal regulatory oversight. From 2004-2014, Commissioner Bentzel served as Vice President and head of the federal advocacy division of a full-scale public relations firm, the DCI Group.

Prior to working in the private sector, Mr. Bentzel served the public sector for ten years as a Senate professional committee staffer including, most recently, as Senior Democratic Counsel of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation. He moved to his role in the Senate after spending four years on the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee where he served as Counsel for Maritime Policy.

Commissioner Bentzel's primary areas of responsibility on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation were issues on maritime transportation; rail, surface and pipeline transportation; energy transportation and hazardous materials; and homeland security in these areas. While working in the Senate, Commissioner Bentzel served as one of the principals in crafting the Maritime Security Act of 1996, the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998, and in 2002, after the attacks on 9/11, the requirements mandated for maritime security through the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002. He also dealt with matters impacting economic regulation of rail and surface industries before the Surface Transportation Board, and a variety of energy related regulatory issues.

For his efforts in developing and negotiating passage of Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002, Commissioner Bentzel was awarded the Coast Guard's Medal for Meritorious Public Service and the Maritime Security Council's Man of the Year award. Mr. Bentzel is also the author of the chapter on Port Security within McGraw-Hill's Handbook on Homeland Security.

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Commissioner Bentzel earned his Bachelor of Arts from St. Lawrence University, his Juris Doctor from the University of Alabama, and his Master of Laws from the Admiralty Law Institute, Tulane University.

**Developments in NEPA**

*Christopher Dalbom, Assistant Director, Tulane Institute on Water Resources and Policy*

Professor Christopher Dalbom is a leader in Louisiana water law and coastal adaptation. He came to Tulane Law School as a student in 2009. After graduating from Tulane Law School in 2012, he worked for one year as a postgraduate fellow at the Tulane Institute on Water Resources Law and Policy before becoming the Institute's Program Manager and, then, Assistant Director. Professor Dalbom has done extensive work on legal and policy issues relating to interstate water compacts, comparative water law, Mississippi River management, the RESTORE Act and other revenue streams associated with the Deepwater Horizon disaster, and coastal and water management. He currently leads Institute efforts to draft a comprehensive water code for Louisiana. Prior to coming to Tulane, Professor Dalbom served in the Peace Corps in El Salvador and studied and taught cultural geography in Louisiana and Virginia.

**Environmental Class Actions**

*Joseph M. Bruno Sr., Managing Partner, Bruno & Bruno Law*

Joseph M. Bruno is a managing partner at Bruno & Bruno. He is a defender of class action procedures, seeing them as an important balancing tool in our complex society. He is a graduate of Tulane University and Tulane Law School (1978). In 1979, he went into partnership with his father, Frank S. Bruno, a well-known and respected litigator, most particularly in the field of workers' compensation. Joseph Bruno has been admitted to practice in all courts in Louisiana and Texas, as well as the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Middle Districts of Louisiana, the United States 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Tax Court.

Joseph is recognized as an authority in class actions and particularly in class action management. His expertise in difficult and complex litigation has led to his representation of numerous claimants in class action and mass joinder proceedings involving racial discrimination, occupational lung disease, product liability, and wage and hour violations. Joseph Bruno has been active in the Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association, having served on the Board of Governors for over 20 years.

*William Goodell, Principal, Goodell Law Firm, & Adjunct Professor of Law, Tulane Law School*

William Goodell is the principal at William W. Goodell, Jr., PLC, and he is Of Counsel at Murray Law Firm. After receiving his BA from the University of New Orleans in 1976, he continued on to Baton Rouge to attend law school at LSU, where he received his JD in 1980.

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William pursued his LLM in Energy and Environment at Tulane and received the degree in 1987. Since 1999, he has been teaching environmental law related courses as an adjunct professor at Tulane Law School.

He specializes in Toxic Torts. Since 1985, William has been actively conducting and contributing to scientific and legal research of Louisiana pollution, coastal land loss, and natural resource management issues. Since 1988, he has been practicing environmental law exclusively, representing the public interest in property cleanup, toxic injury, and natural resource conservation in proceedings before state and federal courts, state and federal environmental agencies, and the Louisiana Legislature.

*Michael G. Stag, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Member, Stag Liuzza, LLC*

Michael G. Stag serves as the firm's managing member. Mike is involved in all practice areas at Stag Liuzza, with a particular passion for achieving justice for those who have been harmed by large corporations and oil companies. Mike pioneered the field of Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (TENORM or NORM) litigation. Over the years, Mike has recovered awards of more than \$300 million in settlements and in excess of \$1 billion in jury verdicts for his clients.

Mike was recognized in the *Lawyers Weekly Top 10 Jury Verdicts of 2001* related to the \$1.056 Billion verdict *Grefer v. Exxon, et al.* He was also an executive committee member for the class action in the *Patrick Joseph Turner, et al. v. Murphy Oil USA, Inc.*, which resulted in monetary compensation and cleanup settlement valued in excess of \$300 million. Prior to his work at Stag Liuzza, Mike worked as a law clerk for the Honorable Ronald J. Sholes at Civil District Court in New Orleans. Currently, Mike's practice focuses on toxic torts, environmental and royalty litigation, as well harmful pharmaceuticals and defective medical devices. Mike directs a passionate ensemble of attorneys and staff who are driven to persistently advocate for their clients and to remain steadfast in the pursuit of justice.

Michael G. Stag was born in Japan. He moved to New Orleans, Louisiana in 1985 to attend Loyola University where he also obtained his Masters in Business Administration as well as his Juris Doctorate. Mike lives in the New Orleans Garden District with his wife and three children. Mike enjoys white water rafting, skiing, camping, and coaching little league baseball.

*Louis Grossman, Partner, Kean Miller LLP*

Lou Grossman is a partner in the New Orleans office of Kean Miller and practices in the environmental litigation, energy, and appellate groups. Since being admitted to practice in 2003, he has handled complex disputes involving the energy and petrochemical industries, including toxic tort claims, environmental damage claims, and commercial litigation. In addition, Lou has handled the appeals of numerous high-profile legal issues at the trial and appellate court level.

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He is listed in Louisiana *Super Lawyers* as a Rising Star for 2013 and 2014. Lou was admitted to the Colorado Bar in 2015, and was listed as a Rising Star in Colorado Super Lawyers in 2016 and 2017. Lou is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

*James P. Doré, Partner, Dispute Resolution Services of LA, LLC*

Jim Doré has experience litigating, negotiating, mediating, and arbitrating cases involving disputes ranging in value from hundreds of millions of dollars to thousands of dollars. A member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, his 45-year practice includes work in personal injury, commercial and business, medical malpractice, environmental, and oil and gas with a specialty in legacy litigation. He has the unique perspective of having practiced extensively in both the plaintiff and defense bar. After graduating in 1973 from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, he began his plaintiff practice and then became a partner at Kean Miller LLP in 1995, engaging primarily in litigation defense. He retired from the partnership in January 2018. AV-Preeminent-rated lawyer. Listed in Best Lawyers in America and Louisiana Super Lawyers. He attended the Pepperdine Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution.

**Indigenous Communities: Cultural Resiliency in the Face of the Climate Crisis**

*Patty Ferguson-Bohnee, Director - Indian Law Clinic, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University*

Professor Patty Ferguson-Bohnee serves as the Director of the Indian Legal Clinic and Associate Clinical Professor of Law at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. Professor Ferguson-Bohnee has substantial experience in Indian law, election law and policy matters, voting rights, and status clarification of tribes. She has testified before the United States Senate Committee on Indian

Affairs and the Louisiana State Legislature regarding tribal recognition, and has successfully assisted four Louisiana tribes in obtaining state recognition. She has represented tribal clients in administrative, state, federal, and tribal courts, as well as before state and local governing bodies and proposed revisions to the Real Estate Disclosure Reports to include tribal provisions. She has assisted in complex voting rights litigation on behalf of tribes, and she has drafted state legislative and congressional testimony on behalf of tribes with respect to voting rights' issues.

Before joining the College in 2008, Professor Ferguson-Bohnee clerked for Judge Betty Binns Fletcher of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and was an associate in the Indian Law and Tribal Relations Practice Group at Sacks Tierney P.A. in Phoenix. As a Fulbright Scholar to France, she researched French colonial relations with Louisiana Indians in the 17th and 18th centuries. Professor Ferguson-Bohnee, a member of the Pointe-au-Chien Indian tribe, also serves as the Native Vote Election Protection Coordinator for the State of Arizona.

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*Tara Widner, Treaty Rights Working Group Facilitator, Pipeline Legal Action Network*

Tara Widner is Pembina Band Ojibwe, and is a ricer who harvests Manoomin (wild rice). She is a plaintiff in the case of *Manoomin v. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources*, which was brought to expand tribal sovereignty through enforcement of the rights of nature and through recognition and enforcement of treaty rights. This case grew out of a response to Line 3, a pipeline built across the state by Enbridge, Inc. for transportation of tar sands. Tara actively opposed construction of the pipeline and defended the Manoomin, the waters, and Chippewa treaty rights, and is also a facilitator for the Treaty Rights working group through the Pipeline Legal Action Network.

*Sam Cohen, Government Affairs & Legal Officer, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians*

Sam Cohen is the Government Affairs Officer and Legal Officer for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, a position he has held since 2005. During his tenure, Cohen led the tribe in their nine-year Fee to Trust application to successfully establish 6.9 acres of land in federal trust for a Chumash Museum and Cultural Center. Cohen also served as lead counsel for the Tribe in the renegotiation of the Tribal State Compact in 2014 and 2015.

He has been instrumental in the tribe's educational legislative efforts that include bill AB 544 which established a teaching credential for the teaching of Native American Languages in 2008. In addition, AB 163 that expanded the previous bill to include a Culture credential in 2015.

Cohen earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona and his law degree from the University of Minnesota and studied law at University College London. He has a graduate law degree (LL.M.) from the Tax Program at New York University and also served as the managing editor of the *Minnesota Law Review*. Prior to practicing Indian law, Cohen practiced law in Tokyo and Guam. He is a frequent author on Native American legal issues and also serves as a board member for the Coalition of Labor, Agriculture & Business (COLAB), Santa Ynez Chamber of Commerce, and Econ Alliance of North Santa Barbara County.

### **The New Waters of the United States Rule**

*Mark Davis, Director, Tulane Institute on Water Resources and Policy*

Professor Mark Davis is a widely consulted and quoted authority on water law and management. He joined Tulane Law School in 2007 as a senior research fellow and founding director of the Tulane Institute on Water Resources Law and Policy. In 2017 he also became the director of Tulane's ByWater Institute, which is focused on the interdisciplinary aspects of water stewardship and community resilience. He lectures widely on water resource management, is directly involved in helping Louisiana overhaul its long-term water planning and has testified

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frequently before Congress on the need for a focused and effective commitment to the viability of coastal Louisiana and other vital natural treasures.

Professor Davis spent 14 years as executive director of the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, where he helped shape programs and policies at the state and federal level to improve the stewardship of the wetlands and waters of coastal Louisiana. He has practiced law in Indianapolis, the District of Columbia and Chicago and has taught at the Indiana University (Indianapolis) School of Business and the IIT-Chicago Kent School of Law in Chicago.

*Larry Liebesman, Senior Advisor, Dawson & Associates*

Larry Liebesman is a nationally recognized environmental lawyer with more than 35 years of experience, including 11 years at the U.S. Justice Department. Larry specializes in federal Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Larry has extensive experience negotiating federal and state environmental approvals, including Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act permits for commercial, residential, public works and mining projects. He has also defended challenges to those permits and approvals in Federal and state courts.

Larry also has a background in storm water policy. He sits on the Maryland State Water Quality Advisory Committee, where he provides advice to state officials on Chesapeake Bay restoration issues.

Prior to entering private practice, Larry spent 11 years as a senior trial attorney at the Department of Justice's Environment Division (DOJ). While at Justice, he was lead counsel in *NRDC v. EPA*, which upheld major portions of the EPA's NPDES program and *Bersani v. EPA*, which upheld EPA's veto authority under Section 404(c) of the CWA. He also worked at EPA and spent a detail at the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) working on CEQ's NEPA regulations.

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*Jim Murphy, Director of Legal Advocacy, National Wildlife Federation*

Jim Murphy is the Director of Legal Advocacy for the National Wildlife Federation where he coordinates legal advocacy across the Federation's national programs with a focus on renewable energy and clean water. Jim also directs a partnership between the Federation and Vermont Law School's Environmental Advocacy Clinic, where the Clinic represents NWF on high impact legal matters, offering the Federation a powerful partner in protecting wildlife, habitat and our natural resources while also training the next generation of conservation advocates. He has been with the National Wildlife Federation since 2003, having worked on environmental issues such as endangered species, and the National Environmental Policy Act. He has represented the

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National Wildlife Federation and other conservation groups in several precedent setting cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and Federal Circuit Courts. He has been extensively published in law reviews and other legal publications on issues such as water policy and law, transportation and smart growth, and energy production. Prior to joining the National Wildlife Federation in 2003, Murphy did work with the Conservation Law Foundation and was in private practice for four years. He has previously worked on Capitol Hill and has an LL. M., summa cum laude, from Vermont Law School, a J.D. from Boston College Law School, and B.A. from the University of Vermont.